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North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's image is projected in the screen above the stage during schoolchildren's performance to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Pyongyang, North Korea, Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010.

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Obama's latest bipartisan outreach: nuclear energy

By BEN FELLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Prodding Republicans, President Barack Obama on Tuesday championed nuclear energy expansion as the latest way that feuding parties can move beyond the “broken politics” of Washington that have imperiled his agenda and soured voters. His call came as he dispatched Vice President Joe Biden and Cabinet secretaries nationwide to tout the economic stimulus plan against Republican criticism, reflecting that until bipartisanship comes, the White House will remain aggressive in selling its own case to the public. Since a January special election in Massachusetts, when Democrats lost the 60th vote they need in the Senate to overcome Republican delays on legislation, Obama has recalibrated his strategy to advance his agenda. His plan includes reaching out to Republicans on tax breaks, on health care and on energy, but also putting them on the spot for any refusal to help.

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Taliban leader's arrest raises hopes

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Associated Press Writer

ISLAMABAD (AP) — The capture of the Afghan Taliban's No. 2 commander by a joint CIA and Pakistani team dealt a fresh blow to insurgents under heavy U.S. attack and raised hopes that Pakistani security forces are ready to deny Afghan militant leaders a safe haven.

Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar's arrest in the Pakistani port city of Karachi may also push other insurgent leaders thought to be sheltering on this side of the border toward talks with the Afghan government — a development increasingly seen as key to ending the eight-year war.

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Soldiers of Pakistan's para military force search incoming Afghan nationals at Pakistani border Chaman along Afghanistan on Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. Pakistani authorities beefed up security at Pak-Afghan border after NATO's and allied forces launch operation against Taliban in Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

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In this April 13, 2006 file photo Pete Vavricka conducts an underground train from the entrance of Yucca Mountain in Nevada. In an effort to win over Republicans and moderate Democrats on climate and energy legislation, President Barack Obama is endorsing nuclear energy like never before, calling for a new generation of nuclear power plants to be built around the country.

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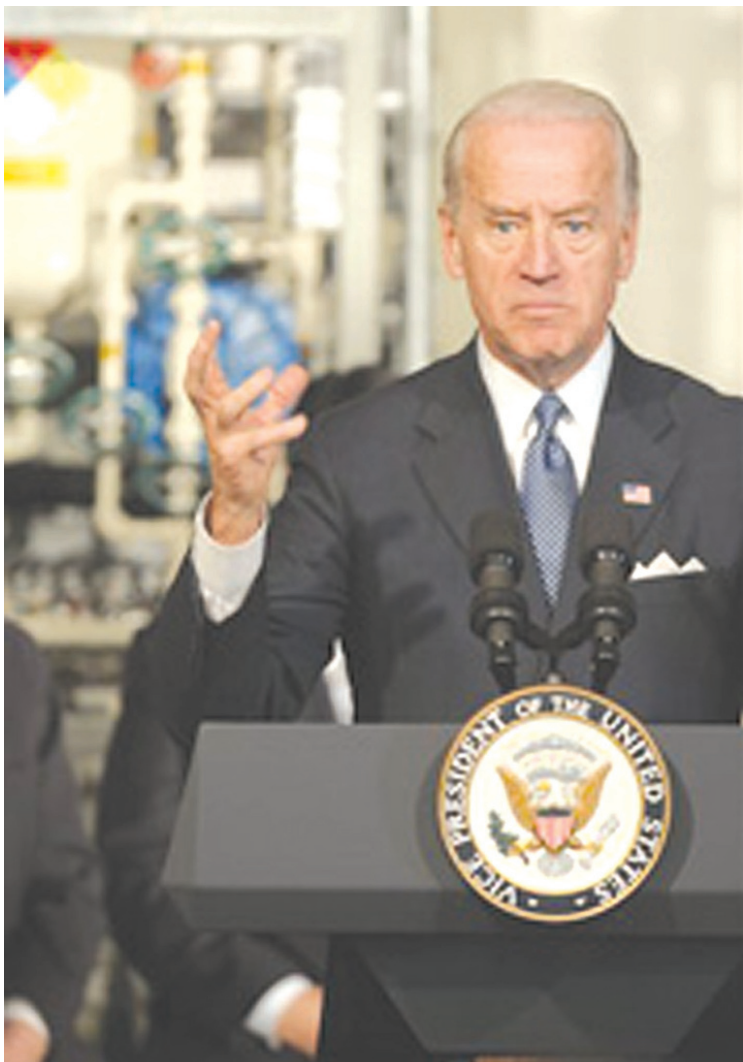
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Vice President Joe Biden speaks to a crowd at Delta College while making remarks about the Recovery Act in University Center, Mich., Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

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White House defends year-old stimulus

PHILIP ELLIOTT,

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Barack Obama, defending his economic stimulus plan on its first anniversary, is dispatching his Cabinet across the country to try to calm an anxious public as Democrats head into potentially devastating congressional elections in November.

A weeklong push to highlight the stimulus program's first year was started with a Tuesday trip by Vice President Joe Biden to hard-hit Michigan, where he checked out a jobs training program at Delta College and was touring a solar factory, both of which received stimulus cash.

"It's gonna take us a while to get us out of this ditch, but it's working. It's working," Biden said. Obama's fellow Democrats were to tout programs putting people back to work under the \$787 billion spending bill. Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius was touring a medical center in Atlanta; Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano was promoting stimulus projects in Virginia

and Texas.

In all, senior administration officials are scheduled to visit 35 communities before Friday to counter Republican claims the massive deficit-spending program has failed. Obama plans to surround himself at the White House on Wednesday with people who have jobs because of the stimulus plan, then travel to Colorado and Nevada.

Obama's political team believes the projects across the country could help Democrats stave off emboldened Republicans and their attempts to reclaim majorities in Congress. Although voters have soured on the stimulus spending, individual components have fans across party lines.

The tax cuts Democrats included in their bill have the backing of 70 percent of the public, according to a CNN poll last month. Another 80 percent support the infrastructure investments, such as the water projects Environmental Protection Agency chief Lisa Jackson plans to tout in Columbus, Ohio, on Thursday.

Even so, 56 percent of the public opposes the broad plan, according to the CNN poll. □



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New clip shows JFK arriving in Dallas in 1963

By JOHN MCFARLAND
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS – New color video footage showing President John F. Kennedy's arrival in Dallas the day he was assassinated is the best home movie ever made of the event, the curator of the Dallas JFK museum said.

The short clip, shot on 8mm film by a 15-year-old student, provides a rare, high-quality color close-up of John and Jackie Kennedy as they arrived in Dallas. The Sixth Floor Museum put the film on display for public viewing on Presidents Day.

Kennedy was killed Nov. 22, 1963, as his motorcade made its way through downtown Dallas. The footage shot earlier that day by William Ward Warren mainly shows Air Force One and Air Force Two arriving, and briefly features the Kennedys making their way through the crowd at the airport.

"Viewing this footage makes you feel as though you're standing next to Warren as he's filming it on that very day," museum curator Gary Mack said Monday. The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza chronicles Kennedy's life and death and is located in the old book depository building from where Lee Harvey Oswald fired at the president's motorcade.

Warren, now the 61-year-old owner of a freight brokerage business, was at the airport because Dallas students were given the day off for Kennedy's visit. He told The Associated Press on Tuesday that when he realized he'd



This frame grab from a Nov. 22, 1963, film provided by The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, shows President John F. Kennedy on his arrival in Dallas on the day he was assassinated. The short clip was shot on 8mm film by William Ward Warren, then a 15-year-old student.

be close enough to Kennedy to shake his hand, he made the quick decision to film the president instead. He got his footage, and ended up shaking Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson's hand.

He said he transferred the footage to a VCR tape about 15 years ago but largely forgot about it, keeping it hidden on top of his grandfather clock.

"Only recently did I feel like things like this just seem to disappear so I called the museum to see if they had any interest in it," Warren said.

The final few seconds of the three-minute film show JFK

passing through the crowd, smiling at cameras. Jacqueline Kennedy follows, carrying a bouquet of red roses given to her by local officials. She's walking alongside Johnson. A smiling Lady Bird Johnson appears briefly. She's followed by Gov. John Connally, who was wounded in the shooting later in the day.

The clip offers interesting historical perspective, showing the suits and dresses of the day and the old-style TV cameras. It briefly cuts to a shot of students flying a Texas flag and a Confederate flag.

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The event was captured by local black-and-white TV cameras. There were numerous other cameras at Dallas' Love Field that day, but most of that footage hasn't been released to the public, Mack said.

Warren, of Dallas, said that

when he heard later that day of the president's assassination, he was "floored."

"I say it's like getting the wind knocked out of you when you're playing soccer. You just don't know how to react," he said. □



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President Barack Obama delivers remarks on energy jobs during his visit to International Brotherhood of Electricians (IBEW) Local 26 headquarters in Lanham, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

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BIPARTISAN OUTREACH

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With a host of new goals — rebuilding public confidence, keeping Obama in charge of the debate, halting deep Democratic losses in this year's elections — the White House is now infusing its communications strategy with more of the discipline that it famously used in Obama's presidential campaign.

The president cast his push for more nuclear energy as both economically vital

and politically attractive to the opposition party. He announced more than \$8 billion in loan guarantees to build the first nuclear power plant in nearly three decades, part of a nuclear initiative that could draw essential backing from Republicans.

At the same time, he asked Republicans to get behind a comprehensive energy bill that expands clean energy sources, assigns a cost to the polluting emissions of fossil fuels so that nuclear fuel

becomes more affordable, and gives both parties a rare chance to claim common ground.

"The fact is, changing the ways we produce and use energy requires us to think anew. It requires us to act anew," Obama said during a stop at a job training center outside Washington. "And it demands of us a willingness to extend our hand across some of the old divides, to act in good faith, and to move beyond the broken politics of the past. That's what we must do."

That mission, however, remains in doubt.

A White House built on the long view also has gotten sharper about responding to daily criticisms from emboldened Republicans. This week, senior administration officials are scheduled to visit 35 communities to counter Republican claims that the massive, deficit-spending economic stimulus program has failed. In Saginaw, Mich., on Tuesday, Biden insisted the stimulus

is working even as he acknowledged "it's gonna take us a while to get us out of this ditch."

Michigan's unemployment rate is among the highest in the country. The chronic joblessness there and elsewhere is driving an anti-incumbency fever, even as the economy by most other measures appears to be rebounding.

Democrats, as members of the party in power, are most likely to feel that anti-incumbency heat at the polls in November when House and Senate seats are on the ballot. Obama will head west later this week to raise money for two vulnerable Democrats who face the voters this year, Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado and Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader.

On Tuesday, an Obama ally and moderate Democrat, two-term Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, said the frustrations of gridlock drove his decision not to run for re-election. "There's

just too much brain-dead partisanship," Bayh said in a nationally broadcast interview.

Obama is working to change that system while, for now, he is required to work within it.

He made his pitch for nuclear energy by saying nothing less than the economy, the security of the United States and the planet's future were at stake.

"We can't continue to be mired in the same old stale debates between left and right, between environmentalists and entrepreneurs," the president said.

Obama aides say there's no formal reevaluation of the administration's communications strategy as the president embarks on his second year in office.

But the White House is taking an approach that is at once more aggressive and more streamlined.

It includes more direct, rapid response to criticism; more events at which the president speaks directly to the public without the filter of the media; and more carefully choreographed interactions with the press. The intended narrative is one in which Obama hears people's frustrations and is working directly to end them.

There's little doubt the public is angry. A CBS News/New York Times poll in early February found 81 percent saying it's time to elect new people to Congress.

That affects Obama, who is not up for re-election until 2012 but needs allies and votes on Capitol Hill to usher in the domestic change he has promised. □

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Ex-LAPD Chief Daryl Gates seriously ill

ROBERT JABLON

Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP)

— Former Los Angeles police Chief Daryl Gates, a controversial figure who once said drug users should be shot and whose career ended after the Rodney King beating, is hospitalized and seriously ill, current police Chief Charlie Beck said Tuesday.

Beck told the city Police Commission that Gates, 83, has a “very serious malady.”

“I ask everyone to keep him in their prayers,” said Beck, who visited the former chief in the hospital over the weekend.

The Police Department would not specify Gates’ ailment. However, a blog posting attributed to his brother Steve Gates said the former chief had been hospitalized for three weeks with bladder cancer that had spread to a bone near his hip and he was receiving radiation treatments.

The blog, called “The Rotator,” is not made available to the general public and is available only to current and retired officers who provide badge information.

The information on the blog was provided by a person with access to the

site who was not authorized to disclose its contents and asked to remain anonymous.

Efforts by The Associated Press to reach Steve Gates were unsuccessful.

Beck declined to confirm or deny the report, but said Daryl Gates was responding well to treatments after being hospitalized a couple weeks ago.

“He’s looking forward to going home,” Beck said. “He seemed in good spirits when I saw him. He said he was feeling much better. He’s very optimistic.”

Police Department spokeswoman Rosario Herrera had no further details.

Gates headed the Los Angeles Police Department from 1978 to 1992 during some of its most tumultuous years. Well-liked by the rank-and-file, he was credited with cracking down on corruption and modernizing methods.

As a member of the LAPD command staff before becoming chief, Gates approved what became the first police SWAT team — heavily armed specialists to handle civil unrest, hostage situations and other crises.

Gates is perhaps better known for his abrasive style at a time when the LAPD

was viewed with suspicion by blacks, Hispanics and civil rights activists.

He once told a congressional committee that drug users should be shot. In 1982, when several suspects died after being put in police chokeholds, Gates was quoted as saying some blacks might be more at risk from the tactic because their arteries did not open as quickly as those of “normal people.” He later apologized for causing offense.

There were repeated accusations in the 1970s and 1980s that the LAPD was a department that targeted minority communities, profiled suspects by race and was lenient on abusive

cops.

In 1983, Gates shut down a police intelligence unit after it was learned that officers were spying on the American Civil Liberties Union and other groups.

Gates came under pressure in 1991 after the videotaped beating of Rodney King by officers.

In April 1992, four officers were acquitted of criminal charges in the King beating, sparking a riot that killed more than 50 people and caused some \$1 billion in damage. Gates was criticized by the mayor and others who said officers were slow to respond to the violence. He retired a few months later.



In this April 3, 2008 picture, former Los Angeles Police Chief Daryl Gates attends the movie premiere of “Street Kings” in Los Angeles. Police said Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010 that Gates, who resigned in the wake of 1992 rioting that followed the Rodney King beating, is seriously ill.

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TALIBAN ARREST

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Baradar, in his late 40s, was the second in command behind Taliban founder Mullah

A U.S. Marine from 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment walks past a Taliban bunker fighting position Tuesday Feb. 16, 2010 in a canal outside a compound which they had taken the night before after receiving small arms fire for several hours in Marjah in Afghanistan's Helmand province.

Associated Press

Mohammad Omar and was said to be in charge of the day-to-day running of the organization's leadership council, which is believed based in Pakistan. He was a founding member of the Taliban and is the most important figure of the hardline Islamist movement to be arrested in the war. Baradar, who also functioned as the link between Mullah Omar and field commanders, has been in detention for more than 10 days and was talking to interrogators, two Pakistani intelligence officials said Tuesday. One said several other suspects were also captured in the raid. He said Baradar had provided "useful information" to them and that Pakistan had shared it with their U.S. counterparts. They spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the information.

The White House declined to confirm Baradar's capture. Spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters the fight against extremists involves sensitive intelligence matters and he believes it's best to collect that information without talking about it.

President Barack Obama's administration has vowed to kill or seize Taliban and al-Qaida leaders in Afghanistan and Pakistan. The arrest comes as relentless CIA missile strikes against militant targets in the border tribal region have killed several commanders.

Obama has ordered 30,000 extra troops to southern Afghanistan. On Saturday, thousands of them began a major attack on the town of Marjah in the southern province of Helmand, one of the regions that Baradar is believed to control.

Former members of the Taliban regime in Afghanistan and security experts said the arrest would hurt the Taliban but was far from a decisive blow. They said Baradar would likely be quickly replaced and that

local commanders had a lot of autonomy from the leaders based in Pakistan.

Nevertheless, the capture is likely to cause short-term disruption, since Baradar was the day-to-day commander of the Taliban and his successor would not have the same prestige.

"It's a great tactical success that the coalition forces should be pleased with, but by no means is it the beginning of the end," said Will Hartley, an analyst at Jane's Terrorism and Insurgency Center in London. "This will have a noted effect on the short-term ability of the Taliban to operate the way it was. However, it has proved itself a resilient organization." Pentagon spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said he could neither confirm nor deny that Baradar was captured but said the removal of any senior leader would have "an immediate impact to their operations."

"But we've seen, too, that they then push successors into their place... How long it takes them to sort of reconstitute depends on the situation."

Afghan analysts in the U.S. said they were closely watching for a stepped-up U.S. effort to capture or kill Jalaluddin Haqqani and his son Sirajuddin, the brutal leaders of the Taliban arm that operates in eastern Afghanistan from bases in northwestern Pakistan.

Pakistan helped create the Taliban and supported the militants' regime in Afghanistan before the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States, when threats from Washington forced Islamabad to disavow the group. But Pakistan's spy agencies have long been accused of protecting top Afghan Taliban leaders — many of whom are believed to have fled to Pakistan during the U.S.-led invasion — to use them as tools to counter Indian influence in Afghanistan when the Americans withdraw.

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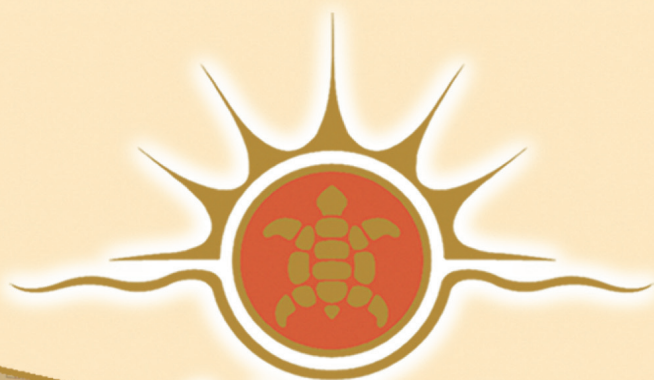
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Questions about health as N. Korean leader turn 68

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SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— North Koreans celebrated leader Kim Jong Il's 68th birthday — one of the country's most important holidays — on Tuesday amid persistent questions about his health and the future leadership of the communist nation.

Kim appears active in photos churned out by state media but he is chronically ill and has given up on Western medicine in favor of rare, costly and in some cases outlawed traditional remedies, two North Korea experts said.

Like his father Kim Il Sung before him, Kim Jong Il leads the nation of 24 million with absolute authority. There are concerns abroad that his sudden death could trigger instability and a possible power struggle in the nuclear-armed nation.

Though his health remains a tightly guarded secret, Kim is believed to have suffered a stroke in August 2008. Since then, North Korean officials have traveled to Beijing to buy expensive, hard-to-find remedies such as bear gall bladder, rhinoceros horn and musk, a South Korean intelligence expert told The Associated Press.

The expert, who claims

detailed knowledge of the purchases, spoke on condition of anonymity due to the sensitivity of matters involving Kim.

Kim also regularly undergoes kidney dialysis, suffers from depression and is psychologically unstable, said Cheong Seong-chang, a senior analyst at the private Sejong Institute think tank outside Seoul, citing a "very credible source."

Kim Jong Il's declining health has forced him to hasten the process of handing over power, Cheong said.

Kim has not publicly named any of his three sons to succeed him but is said to favor the youngest, Jong Un, believed to be in his mid-20s. Very little is known about the son: No photos of him as an adult have surfaced, and even the South Korean government was unsure until last summer exactly how his name was spelled in Korean.

The son also holds a position on North Korea's powerful National Defense Commission, the South Korean intelligence expert said — a strong sign he is being groomed for a key post in the regime.

Photos in state media of Kim Jong Il show he remains gaunt compared to past years, even as he makes a busy round

of visits to military bases and factories. A lopsided smile suggests he may still be recovering from a stroke.

Traditional Oriental medicine is widely used across Asia, particularly so in North Korea, where Western medicine has been hard to come by since the isolated nation's medical system collapsed during the mid-1990s.

"North Koreans like Western medicine but they rely on traditional remedies because Western medicine is scarce in the North," said Park Su-hyon, a defector from North Korea who now practices Oriental medicine in Seongnam, south of Seoul. Bile extracted from bears' gall bladders, rhinos' horn and musk are prized for treating strokes, said Choi Dong-jun, a professor of Oriental medicine at the Dongguk University Oriental Hospital in Ilsan near Seoul. The three remedies are among the most expensive and hard to find in Oriental medicine. The rhino is endangered, and one horn sold illegally in South Korea in recent years fetched more than \$5,000, he recalled. Musk sells at nearly \$90 for a quarter of an ounce (1 gram), Choi said.

In 2008, Kim's eldest son, Jong Nam, and several aides purchased some \$613,000



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il, front right, meets with senior Chinese Communist Party envoy Wang Jiarui, front left, in Hamhung-si, South Hamgyong-do, North Korea, on Monday, Feb. 8, 2010. Wang was in North Korea on a mission to persuade the reclusive state to rejoin nuclear disarmament talks, reports said.

Associated Press

in such prized remedies in Beijing, according to another South Korean source, an intelligence official. He requested anonymity, saying he was not authorized to speak to media, and declined to identify the shop.

Officials have returned in recent months to stock up, the other intelligence expert said. The National Intelligence Service, Seoul's top spy agency, declined to confirm the alleged purchases, and an official at North Korea's embassy in Beijing said he had no information.

Kim typically does not appear in public on his birthday.

North Korean children, however, got an early birthday treat over the weekend: "gifts of love," state media said, which in the past has meant cookies and candy.

At a celebratory gathering Monday, senior party, military and government officials hailed Kim as a "peerlessly brilliant commander," according to the Korean Central News Agency. No. 2 official Kim Yong Nam used the occasion to call for dialogue with the U.S., KCNA said. □

Three world powers criticize Iranian enrichment



Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, speaks with media during his press conference at the presidency in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010. President Ahmadinejad said Iran is installing more efficient centrifuges machines in its uranium enrichment facilities. Iran has over 8,000 centrifuges in its uranium enrichment facilities in central Iranian town of Natanz, although not all are working.

Associated Press

GEORGE JAHN

Associated Press Writer

VIENNA (AP) — Russia, the U.S. and France have urged Iran to stop enriching uranium to higher levels

and suggested the project reinforces suspicions that Tehran is seeking to make nuclear weapons. The joint statement, made public Tuesday, reflects unified

Russian and Western opposition to Iran's increased enrichment.

Shrugging off international concerns, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced the country was moving ahead to expand its enrichment capacities by installing more advanced machinery at its main enrichment facility.

Ahmadinejad told reporters in Tehran Tuesday the new centrifuges are not yet operational but are five times more efficient than the model now in use at its underground Natanz enrichment plant.

Officials at the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency said they had no comment. The latest IAEA report on Iran in November said that as of early October no advanced centrifuges had been installed at the plant, although some were being tested in a separate area of the facility.

Because enrichment can produce both nuclear weapons as well as reactor fuel, Iran is under three sets of U.N. Security Council sanctions for refusing to stop its program. Its determination to expand such activities had been criticized worldwide even before an announcement earlier this month that Tehran would enrich to a higher level.

The confidential letter critical of the higher-enrichment plan was shared Tuesday with The Associated Press. Dated Feb. 12, it was addressed to IAEA chief Yukiya Amano and signed by senior U.S., Russian and French envoys.

Moscow in the past has often put the brakes on Western attempts to penalize Tehran for defying U.N. Security Council demands that it freeze its enrichment program, which

can produce both nuclear fuel and the fissile core of warheads. But while Russia has recently signaled more support for new U.N. sanctions, China — a veto-wielding member of the U.N. Security Council that depends on Iran for much of its energy needs — remains opposed.

The letter questioned the rationale of Tehran's assertion that it had started the higher enrichment project to provide fuel to a research reactor providing medical isotopes for cancer patients. "If Iran goes ahead with this escalation, it would raise fresh concerns about Iran's nuclear intentions, in light of the fact that Iran cannot produced the needed nuclear fuel in time" to refuel the research reactor, said the letter.

Iran's decision to enrich to the 20-percent level is "wholly unjustified, contrary to U.N. Security Council resolutions and represent(s) a further step toward a capability to produce highly enriched uranium," said the letter to IAEA chief Amano.

The 20-percent mark represents the threshold between low-enriched and high-enriched uranium.

Although warhead material must be enriched to a level of 90 percent or more, just getting its present low-enriched stockpile to the 20 percent mark would be a major step for Iran's nuclear program. While enriching to 20 percent would take about one year, using up to 2,000 centrifuges at Tehran's underground Natanz facility, any next step — moving from 20 to 90 percent — would take only half a year and between 500-1,000 centrifuges.

Since its clandestine enrichment program became known eight years ago, Iran has insisted it is meant only to generate nuclear fuel.

But its secrecy and refusal to cooperate with an IAEA probe of allegations that it experimented with aspects of a weapons program had increased concerns even before Ahmadinejad's Feb. 7 announcement that Iran will raise the enrichment bar.

Announcing the installation of the more advanced centrifuges on Tuesday, he said Iran "will use them in the near future." In December, Iran said the country had plans to put such machines into use by early 2011.

Ahmadinejad shrugged off the possibility of new U.N. sanctions. "They know that resolutions are not worth a penny and have no effect," he said. Iran has already amassed about 1.8 tons of low-enriched uranium — more than enough for further enrichment into material for one warhead. An IAEA-endorsed plan foresees taking 70 percent of that material to Russia for 20-percent enrichment and then to France for processing into fuel rods for Tehran's research reactor.

The proposal was endorsed by world powers because it would ensure a continued supply of medical isotopes from the reactor for Iranian cancer patients while at the same time delaying Iran's ability to further enrich to weapons grade uranium by stripping it of most of its low-enriched stockpile.

But the Islamic Republic rejected the plan and said it would make the reactor fuel on its own — a technical feat that world powers assert Iran is incapable of.

The letter urged Tehran to obtain the medical isotopes on the world market if it remains opposed to the IAEA-endorsed plan, saying higher enrichment will "further undermine the confidence of the international community." □

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Ex-adviser to detained Americans charged in U.S.

BEN FOX
Associated Press Writer
SANTO DOMINGO,
Dominican Republic (AP)
 — The fugitive former legal adviser to a group of Americans detained in Haiti on kidnapping charges said Tuesday he has yet another reason to stay in hiding: He's been indicted in the U.S. in an immigrant smuggling case. Jorge Puello, who surged into the spotlight by providing food, medicine and legal assistance to the 10 Americans jailed in Haiti, was already being pursued by law enforcement authorities in the Dominican Republic on an Interpol warrant out of El Salvador, where police say he led a ring that lured young women and girls into prostitution. He also had an outstanding warrant for a U.S. parole violation. Puello — who says he is innocent of all the accusations against him — acknowledged in a phone interview with The Associated Press that he is

also named in a 2003 federal indictment out of Vermont that accuses him of smuggling illegal immigrants from Canada into the United States. The 32-year-old, identified as Jorge Torres in the indictment, was living in Canada at the time and managed to avoid arrest. He says he was working undercover for U.S. authorities at the time. Law enforcement officials said they hadn't yet confirmed the Puello is Torres but the case is open. "Mr. Torres was a fugitive in Canada and the United States has requested his extradition," said Tristram Coffin, the U.S. Attorney for Vermont. "We've always been interested in him. We remain interested in fugitives when they flee." Puello, as he has been known most recently, called the AP to discuss his case and said he was in Panama and preparing to return to El Salvador to fight the charges against him there. His whereabouts could not be confirmed.

"The whole world will know I am innocent," he said. Dominican police, working with Interpol, and U.S. authorities are questioning his acquaintances as they search for him. "We are on the hunt," said Steve Blando, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals Service in Washington. The growing legal troubles for Puello have become a distraction for the detained Americans and those trying to secure their release. The Baptist missionaries were accused to trying to remove 33 children from Haiti without authorization following the Jan. 12 earthquake. Lawyers for the missionaries told the AP that a judge could rule on their request for provisional release as early as Wednesday morning. A lawyer for nine of them, meanwhile, said Puello absconded with most the fee relatives of the Americans gave the Dominican to pay him.

"He was supposed to give me \$40,000 and he gave me \$10,000 and he stole \$30,000 and he disappeared," said Avioli Fleurant. Puello said he volunteered to help the missionaries and had never met any of them before they were detained in Haiti. Sean Lankford, whose wife and daughter are among the detained, has said Puello — who was born in the U.S. but has deep ties to the Dominican Republic — contacted relatives of the Americans by calling their church, Central Valley Baptist in Meridian, Idaho, after they were arrested on Jan. 29. He brought food and medicine to the prisoners and helped them find a Haitian lawyer. Puello's involvement with the Americans began to unravel when authorities in El Salvador noted his resemblance to suspect in the sex trafficking case. He acknowledged on Monday that he is in fact the suspect but said he was



In this photo taken Feb. 8, 2010, Jorge Puello, left, a Dominican legal advisor, who was hired by the relatives of the 10 Americans that were arrested while trying to bus children out of Haiti without proper documents or government permission, arrives to the court building in Port-au-Prince. Puello has acknowledged that he is wanted in El Salvador on human smuggling accusations. *Associated Press*

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Movie shot during Iran election debuts in Berlin

By **GEIR MOULSON,**
Associated Press Writer

BERLIN – An Iranian movie made against the backdrop of last year’s election campaign and centering on a man whose wife is killed in a shootout between police and demonstrators made its debut Tuesday at the Berlin film festival.

Director Rafi Pitts said he received authorization to make “The Hunter” from Iranian authorities and shot it before the violence that followed President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad’s disputed re-election last June.

Pitts, who grew up in Tehran but has lived in Britain and France since, said he had “no idea” when the film might be shown in Iran.

“I don’t think it’s a one-sided film, so I think it has the right to be shown,” he said at a news conference. “The question is,

will they give me the right?”

The film’s main character, played by the director, is released from prison amid talk of upcoming elections and Iran’s supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, talking on the radio about change.

He tries to spend time with his wife and young daughter, but they are accidentally killed in a shootout. Pitts’ character, Ali, randomly shoots dead two policemen on a city highway after a long and frustrating wait for information, and flees before being nabbed by two officers who argue about what to do with their captive.

Pitts insisted that the film depicts a “Kafkaesque situation (that) relates to many countries, it’s a universal theme.”

“A script is a road map, and with that road map you will then make your film inspired

by anything that surrounds you,” he said. “It happened to be that we were shooting the film during the elections.”

“When the (postelection) events took place, of course I felt a lot of pain for what happened, of course I disagree with it, but ... I can’t foresee the future in that way,” he added. Demonstrators’ chants can be heard off-camera in the film.

“The Hunter” is one of 20 films competing for the festival’s top Golden Bear prize, which will be awarded Saturday.

It is the latest of several Iranian films to compete in Berlin in recent years, including Pitts’ “It’s Winter” in 2006. Jafar Panahi’s “Offside,” a film following girls who disguise themselves as boys to sneak into a football match in Tehran, won a runner-up Silver Bear the same year. Panahi, whose “The Circle” won the Venice film festival’s top Golden Lion prize in 2000, was scheduled to attend a panel discussion on Iranian cinema in Berlin, but organizers said Tuesday that he had been denied permission to leave Iran.

“We are surprised and deeply regret that a director who has won so many international prizes has been denied the possibility to take part ... and to speak about his cinematic visions,” festival director Dieter Kosslick said in a statement.

Panahi was briefly detained during a July demonstration in Tehran and wore a green scarf — the opposition’s color — at a Montreal festival last summer. In apparent

retaliation, authorities barred him and others from traveling to another festival in October.

“I believe in freedom of speech,” Pitts said. “I think that he should be here.” □



A print of the famous Abbey Road Beatles record cover is pictured at the same pedestrian crossing on Abbey Road in north London. Music group EMI has put the Beatles’ historic Abbey Road studios up for sale, as it struggles to reduce debt, the Financial Times has reported.

(AFP/File/Carl de Souza)

Hard-up EMI seeks buyer for Abbey Road studios

By **JILL LAWLESS,**
Associated Press Writer

LONDON – Cash-strapped music company EMI Group Ltd. is seeking a buyer for Abbey Road studios, where The Beatles recorded some of their most famous songs, a person familiar with the situation said Tuesday.

The person said talks had been going on for several months, but a buyer had not yet been found. The individual spoke on condition of anonymity because the talks are private.

A spokesman for EMI refused to comment on the sale bid, which could raise tens of millions of dollars for the label.

EMI, whose artists include Coldplay, Lily Allen and Robbie Williams, has struggled financially since it was bought in 2007 for 2.4 billion pounds by private equity firm Terra Firma Capital Partners.

Several big-name acts, including Radiohead and the Rolling Stones, quit the label amid the cutbacks and restructuring that followed Terra Firma’s takeover.

An audited report released last week revealed that Terra Firma needs a huge cash infusion by June to avoid defaulting on its loans from Citigroup Inc. and may require more than \$165 million to last through this year.

If funds can’t be raised and the loan goes into default, Citigroup could seize EMI and cause it to be sold or broken up.

Abbey Road is one of the company’s most high-profile assets, as both a recording studio and a tourist attraction for Beatles fans.

EMI bought the Georgian town house in London’s residential St. John’s Wood neighborhood in 1929 and turned it into one of the world’s most sophisticated recording studios.

Since the 1960s, it has been one of the world’s most famous rock music studios. Albums recorded there include Pink Floyd’s “Dark Side of the Moon,” Wings’ “Band on the Run” and Radiohead’s “OK Computer.”

It is most closely associated with The Beatles, who recorded most of their albums there. The crosswalk in front of the north London studio was immortalized on the cover The Beatles’ final studio album, 1969’s “Abbey Road.”

Potential buyers beware: The famous black-and-white crossing is not included in the deal. □



FILE - In this April 17, 2009 file photo Leonard Cohen performs during the first day of the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif.

(AP Photo/Chris Pizzello, File)

Cohen, Earth Wind & Fire members up for honors

NEW YORK – Among those up for enshrinement in the Songwriters Hall of Fame this year are Leonard Cohen, key members of Earth, Wind & Fire, and producer-composer David Foster.

The hall made the announcement of its inductees on Tuesday. Earth, Wind & Fire’s Maurice White, Philip Bailey and Verdine (vuhr-DEEN’) White are being honored in addition to Foster and Cohen.

Also up for honors are Johnny Mandel, Jackie DeShannon, Larry Dunn and Al McKay.

The Hall of Fame celebrates composers and lyricists. The ceremony is set for June 17 in New York City. □



BUSINESS

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US demands Toyota turn over recall documents



FILE - In this Nov. 10, 2008 file photo, a production team member works on the under carriage of a Toyota Solara convertible on the assembly line at the Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky plant in Georgetown, Ky. Toyota said Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, it plans to idle production temporarily at assembly plants in Texas and Kentucky while it grapples with massive recalls in the United States.

By **KEN THOMAS**
and **STEPHEN MANNING**,
Associated Press Writers
WASHINGTON — The government ordered Toyota to turn over documents related to its massive recalls Tuesday, pressing to see how long the automaker knew of safety defects before taking action. Toyota, concerned about unsold cars, said it would temporarily idle some production in three states. The Transportation Department is demanding that Toyota reveal when and how it learned of problems with sticking accelerators and with floor mats trapping gas pedals, and the company must respond within 30 to 60 days or face fines. Those defects and problems with brakes on new Prius hybrids have now led to the recall of 8.5 million vehicles.

The intensifying investigation and the production halts at Toyota's assembly plants are fresh signs of the ripple effect the recalls are having on the world's No. 1 automaker — even as car-owners are streaming to dealers for fixes. Toyota faces separate probes by the Obama administration and Congress as it struggles to maintain its loyal customer base and its reputation for safety and quality.

(AP Photo/James Crisp, file)

Toyota said it was halting production temporarily in San Antonio, Texas, and Georgetown, Ky., to address concerns that too many unsold vehicles may be building up at dealerships because of the large recalls.

Company spokesman Mike Goss said the Texas plant, which builds the Tundra pickup truck, would take production breaks for the weeks of March 15 and April 12. The Kentucky plant, which makes the Camry, Avalon and Venza vehicles, plans to take a non-production day on Feb. 26 and may not build vehicles on three more days in March and April.

Toyota employs 1,850 workers at the San Antonio plant and about 6,600 at the Georgetown facility. None will be laid off during the production interruptions.

In addition, the company's plant in Huntsville, Ala., will idle some production during the same time as the San Antonio facility, according to company spokeswoman Stephanie Deemer. The Alabama factory makes V-8 engines for the Tundra pickup trucks that are assembled in Texas. About 300 workers will be affected but will still be paid and may perform other

tasks, Deemer said.

In late January, Toyota halted production of recalled brands throughout the United States for about a week.

The demands from the government for information, similar to a subpoena, follow criticism from consumer groups that the Transportation Department has been too soft on automakers and has failed to fine the companies or seek detailed information through legal powers.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood has defended his department's handling of the Toyota investigation, calling the Japanese automaker "a little safety deaf" about the problems. LaHood said the government urged Toyota to issue recalls and sent federal safety officials to Japan to warn company officials of the seriousness of the problems. LaHood has said the government is considering civil penalties for Toyota over its handling of the recalls. The maximum fine is more than \$16 million. The largest auto industry fine came in 2004, when General Motors paid \$1 million for responding too slowly on a recall of nearly 600,000 vehicles over windshield wiper failure. Under federal law, automakers must notify the department's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration within five days of determining that a safety defect exists and promptly conduct a recall.

The probe extends beyond Toyota's U.S. operations, a request that safety experts said was unprecedented for a federal agency tasked with regulating vehicles domestically. The agency is seeking information on Toyota vehicles that were sold overseas and also subject to U.S. recalls for problems with sticking gas pedals. Toyota told NHTSA in January that the problem appeared in Europe beginning in December 2008. □



FILE - In this Feb. 4, 2010 file photo, trader Gregory Rowe, left, and specialist Michael Sollitto, center, react on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks rose sharply Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010, following upbeat earnings reports and a fresh round of corporate dealmaking.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew, file)

Stocks gain on earnings, deals and hope for Greece

By **STEPHEN BERNARD**,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Signs that the economy is indeed strengthening gave investors a surge of optimism and sent stocks sharply higher.

The Dow Jones industrials soared almost 170 points Tuesday on upbeat earnings reports and corporate deals. Investors who have been anxious in recent weeks about economic problems overseas were able to put aside their concerns for the time being. They focused instead on the domestic economy.

The dollar fell as investors felt less need to stash their money in safer investments. Oil and other commodities joined stocks as the beneficiaries of the market's renewed confidence.

European markets also rose following new plans by European Union leaders to push Greece to get its budget under control. European officials gave Greece one month to prove it can cut its deficits. Debt problems in European countries including Greece, Portugal and Spain have been a major factor behind weakness in global stock markets in recent weeks.

A strong earnings report from Barclays, a major European bank, also brought relief to the market. European banks have been slower to recover than their U.S. counterparts, and investors saw the bounceback at Barclays as an encouraging sign.

In the U.S., Kraft Foods Inc. and apparel retailer Abercrombie & Fitch reported earnings that beat expectations, while drugmaker Merck & Co. said profits jumped after the company bought its longtime partner Schering-Plough Corp.

Earnings reports over the past month have mostly come in better than expected, but problems in the global economy have overshadowed that good news and pushed the market lower.

"Earnings have been good, but pushed to the back seat," behind Europe's problems, said Alan B. Lancz, president of Alan B. Lancz & Associates in Toledo, Ohio. The strong reports Tuesday "superseded some of these worries."

Meanwhile a bold acquisition move by the nation's largest mall owner raised hopes that businesses are feeling more confident about the economy. □

SPORTS

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Ricker lifts gloom for Canada at Vancouver

JOHN PYE

AP Sports Writer

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (AP)—Snowboarder Maelle Ricker emerged from fog to win a second gold medal for Canada on Tuesday and dispel some of the gloom at the Vancouver Olympics, at least for the host nation.

Adding another problem to the growing list for local organizers though, was that thousands fewer people were there to see her win the women's snowboardcross gold medal at Cypress Mountain because of safety fears.

At the luge track, where the training death of a Georgian slider overshadowed the Olympics opening ceremony last Friday, Germany's Tatjana Huefner won the gold medal in the women's race, the ninth for her country in 13 Olympic competitions.



Maelle Ricker, of Canada, celebrates her women's snowboard cross gold medal win on the podium with Deborah Anthonioz, of France, left, and bronze winner Olivia Nobs, right, of Switzerland, at Cypress Mountain in West Vancouver, British Columbia, Tuesday February 16, 2010.

Associated Press

Connecticut stuns No. 3 Villanova 84-75



By JIM O'CONNELL

AP Basketball Writer

PHILADELPHIA — Kemba Walker scored a career-high 29 points and Connecticut continued the four-day run of Big East top 10 upsets, beating No. 3 Villanova 84-75 on Monday night.

The Huskies (15-11, 5-8) became the fourth team to knock off one of the Big East's top teams with a win they desperately needed in coach Jim Calhoun's second game back on the bench after missing 3 1/2 weeks on a medical leave.

On Friday night, then-No. 5 West Virginia lost to Pittsburgh in triple overtime. On Sunday, Louisville beat then-No. 2 Syracuse and Rutgers beat then-No. 7 Georgetown.

The Huskies made it four in as many days by shooting 67 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line in the second half while holding Scottie Reynolds of the Wildcats (22-3, 11-2) to

four of his 18 points.

Connecticut was coming off a 60-48 loss to Cincinnati. The Huskies hit the 48-point mark less than 4 minutes into the second half. Calhoun had called the loss to Cincinnati "embarrassing." This had to wipe some of that feeling away.

Reynolds, the conference's fourth-leading scorer at 19 points per game, had been a second-half star for the Wildcats in their recent games. With Jerome Dyson moving with him all over the court, the senior guard managed just the four points on 2-of-6 shooting including missing all three 3-point attempts.

The Huskies hit their first seven shots of the second half and turned a 36-35 halftime lead into 55-48 lead. They were up 67-58 with 5:30 left and then matched almost every Villanova score the rest of the way, going 13 of 16 from the line the rest of the way.

Reggie Redding hit a 3 with 2 minutes left to bring the Wildcats within 76-69 and the crowd of better than 18,000 at the Wachovia Center was suddenly alive in the matchup of teams from last season's Final Four that were on very different paths this season.

Connecticut milked most of the 35-second clock and Walker was fouled with 3 seconds left. He made two free throws with 1:26 left.

Dominic Cheek hit a 3 for the Wildcats with 1:15 to play to make it 78-72 and this time Connecticut again worked the shot clock down to 2 seconds and Walker was able to get off a 3 that missed. Gavin Edwards corralled the rebound for Connecticut and that turned into one of two free throws for Dyson with 35 seconds left for a seven-point lead. Dyson had 15 points and six assists for Connecticut. He was 9 of 14 from the free throw line and Walker was 14 of 16 as the Huskies finished 35 of 44.

Corey Fisher had 14 points for the Wildcats, who could have moved one game ahead of Syracuse in the conference race. The Huskies, who had lost five of six, remained 12th in the 16-team league and ended a six-game road losing streak in the Big East. □

Huefner finished four runs in 2 minutes, 46.524 seconds. The win gave Germany a sweep of singles luge gold, after Felix Loch won the men's event.

Speedskater Lee Sang-hwa had an upset win over German world-record holder Jenny Wolf in the women's 500 meters, giving South Korea its third gold, equal top with Switzerland and Germany after the fifth of five medal events of the day.

Canada, France, Sweden and the United States each have two gold medals.

Canada's second will be celebrated, particularly by the under siege local organizing committee.

Hours before competition started Tuesday, organizers announced that the wet, warm weather had made the general-admission, standing room area too dangerous for viewing the freestyle ski events, forcing them to refund another 20,000 ticket holders.

That was on top of the 8,000 tickets that already needed to be refunded for Monday and Tuesday, the total costing organizers about \$1.44 million. The spectator zone was made up of straw bales covered with packed snow, which has become dangerous because there hasn't been enough snow.

Too much snow caused problems at Whistler. At the Alpine venue, where organizers have only been able to get one race completed in four days of competition, the men's super-combined was postponed and the women's downhill training was canceled because of an overnight snowstorm.

Dry weather is forecast for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday on the mountain, and temperatures are expected to drop below freezing, which will help course preparation for the Alpine races.

"I'm always optimistic," said men's race director Guenter Hujara. "No panic on our side. No panic at all."

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Camby headed to Blazers; Blake, Outlaw to Clippers

PORTLAND, Ore. — In need of help in the middle, the Portland Trail Blazers acquired Marcus Camby to fill the void left by injuries to Greg Oden and Joel Przybilla. Portland sent guard Steve Blake and forward Travis Outlaw to the Los Angeles Clippers on Tuesday for Camby, a 14-year veteran who is second in the league in rebounding and sixth in blocked shots. “I think it’s a great situation for myself. It’s a first-class organization that really takes care of their own,” Camby said. “I hope I can bring my knowledge of the game, and blend in these last 27 games. I’m really excited to be here.” The Clippers also get cash in the deal. The Blazers came out of the All-Star break in eighth place in the Western Conference, even though they have dealt with a litany of injuries. Oden and Przybilla are both out for the season and All-Star Brandon Roy hasn’t played

since Jan. 20 with a hamstring injury. Forward Nicolas Batum, guard Rudy Fernandez and Outlaw have all missed significant time with injuries. Camby said “it was kind of shocking” when he first heard of the trade Monday night, because he was in Portland with the Clippers at a sponsor’s dinner. “I only brought one change of clothes,” said Camby, who won’t play for the Blazers until Friday’s home game against Boston. “It’s been a real rough, rough 24 hours for me, but real exciting at the same time.” In Portland, Camby will team with another veteran in Juwan Howard to solidify the Blazers post. The lanky Camby is a former defensive player of the year and two-time member of the NBA all-defensive team. In 51 games this season with the Clippers, he is averaging 7.7 points, 12 rebounds and 1.94 blocks. “We are very excited to bring

an experienced big man of Marcus’ caliber to the team and we feel he’ll help us a great deal down the stretch run,” Blazers general manager Kevin Pritchard said. “He’s a fierce competitor and has been one of the league’s best defensive players for quite some time.” Camby said he was looking forward to playing again with Portland guard Andre Miller. While in Denver, Camby and Miller played on three NBA playoff teams from 2003-05. “I love to play with Andre Miller because he is so unselfish,” Camby said. The Blazers were able to part with Blake because of the development of Jerryd Bayless and the presence of Miller. Blake returned to Portland before the 2008-09 season and was a starter for much of last season. He began this season in the Blazers’ starting

lineup as well before taking on a reserve role in December. Blake was averaging 7.6 points and 27 minutes per game for the Blazers. Outlaw has been one of Portland’s key reserves during the Blazers’ turnaround in recent seasons. He was the longest-tenured Blazers player after being drafted in the first-round of the 2003 draft by Portland. This season, Outlaw has been limited to just 11 games after breaking his left foot on Nov. 14 at Charlotte. He was averaging 9.9 points and 3.5 rebounds. Camby, 35, is a free agent at season’s end, and said the next two months would be a good test as to whether he fits with the Blazers. “Hopefully things work out for myself and work out for the team. Hopefully they have plans for me in the long term,” he said. □



In this Jan. 21, 2010 photo, Los Angeles Clippers forward Marcus Camby runs the court against the Denver Nuggets in the third quarter of an NBA basketball game in Denver. The Portland Trail Blazers are picking up needed help on the interior, acquiring Marcus Camby from the Clippers in exchange for guard Steve Blake and forward Travis Outlaw. Associated Press

Match Play a great tournament in reverse

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

MARANA, Ariz. (AP)—The Match Play Championship has at least one thing going for it this week. No one has to fret when the biggest stars don’t make it to the final match, or even the weekend. That’s because they’re not here. Anyone who has paid attention over the last 11 years should know that even if Tiger Woods were not embroiled in a sex scandal and Phil Mickelson was not on a vacation with his family, there would be no guarantee they would last long, anyway. Woods is the only three-time winner of this fickle tournament, yet he has made it to the weekend only four times in 10 starts. The longest Mickelson ever lasted was Saturday in 2004, and he was gone before lunch. This World Golf Championship brings together the best 64 players available. For one week, it is hard to distinguish them from top to bottom. Lee Westwood is the No. 2 seed and opens on Wednesday against Chris Wood. The only time Westwood played on Friday was in 2005, and only because the tournament started a day late at La Costa because of rain. He has never made it past the second round, although he came close last year until losing to Stewart Cink in 23 holes. There were years when Westwood wondered if it was even worth the trouble to fly all the way from England. And when he packed his bags on Sunday night and his 5-year-old daughter asked him when he was coming home, Westwood wasn’t sure what to say.

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Venus, Wozniacki, Kuznetsova advance in Dubai Championship



Venus Williams form U.S. returns the ball to Germany's Sabine Lisicki during the 3rd day of Dubai Tennis Championship in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Top-seeded Caroline Wozniacki came back from 5-1 down in the second set to beat Dominika Cibulkova of Slovakia 6-2, 7-6 (2) in the second round of the Dubai Championships on Tuesday. Wozniacki, at a career-high world No. 3 ranking, impressively rallied to 5-5 then shot through the tiebreaker. Also advancing after first-round byes were defending

champion Venus Williams, second-seeded Svetlana Kuznetsova, No. 4 Victoria Azarenka, No. 6 Jelena Jankovic, and No. 8 Li Na. But 2008 champion Elena Dementieva had to retire with a right shoulder injury. Wozniacki said her focus relaxed after winning the first set against Cibulkova. "I thought I was going to play a third set, so I just became a bit more aggressive and started

playing with a bit more depth," Wozniacki said. "I thought that was the way I would have to play the third set, which I did not have to and I am happy about that." Next up will be Shahar Peer, who continued her notable run a year after being denied entry into the tournament because Israel had no diplomatic relations with the Emirates. A day after ousting seeded Yanina Wickmayer, Peer

eliminated 2009 Dubai finalist Virginie Razzano of France 6-2, 6-2. Peer lost easily to Wozniacki in the Australian Open third round last month but remained confident. "I believe if I will play well tomorrow, then anything can happen," she said. Williams, seeded second but the tournament favorite, beat Sabine Lisicki of Germany 6-2, 6-3. "I am very happy with the way I played (but) I hope to do much better in the coming rounds," Williams said. Kuznetsova moved into the third round when Anabel Medina Garrigues of Spain withdrew with a lower back injury, and Azarenka was leading U.S. Open quarterfinalist Kateryna

Bondarenko 4-1 when the latter retired with a sprained left knee. Dementieva, seeded fifth, was losing to Daniela Hantuchova 6-4, 1-1 when she quit in pain. Jankovic, who lives in Dubai, took more than two hours to account for Aravane Rezai of France 4-6, 6-4, 7-5, and Li was pushed all the way by Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez of Spain to win 7-6 (7), 2-6, 6-4. Also through were Flavia Pennetta of Italy, Marion Bartoli of France, Vera Zvonareva of Russia, Olga Govortsova of Belarus, who beat 14th-seeded Francesca Schiavone of Italy 6-4, 6-4, Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany, and Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova of Russia. □

Sharapova cruises to win in Memphis



Maria Sharapova of Russia reacts after winning a point against Shenay Perry, of the United States, during a Cellular South Cup tennis tournament match in Memphis, Tenn., Monday, Feb. 15, 2010.

Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tennessee (AP) — Top-seeded Maria Sharapova downed American Shenay Perry 6-0, 6-2 in the Cellular South Cup on Monday, winning her first match since she was upset in the first round of the Australian Open. Sharapova used her strength to move Perry around the court and keep her off balance, advancing in less than an hour. "I thought I was very

aggressive," Sharapova said. "To play every point with a strong mentality in every match, it's impossible to keep going up, up, up and hit a winner on every single ball. So, when I did feel like I maybe missed a few, I still was going for it. I wasn't tentative." Sharapova was able to work on various parts of her game, but stopped short of saying it was an easy win. "It's just about going out there and doing the right things," she said. "Competing no matter who's across the net." In the Regions Morgan Keegan Championships — the men's side of the Memphis tournament — No. 3 seed Radek Stepanek advanced with a 7-5, 4-6, 6-4 victory over South Africa's Kevin Anderson, while sixth-seeded John Isner beat 17-year-old qualifier, and fellow American, Ryan Harrison 6-1, 7-5. American Taylor Dent, who won the tournament in 2003, lost to Germany's Philipp Petzschner 1-6, 6-3, 6-4. On the women's side, No. 3 seed Kaia Kanepi of Estonia beat Arantxa Rus of the Netherlands 6-0, 6-4. □

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A distraction from the weather woes for the locals will be the indoor arenas, where the men's hockey and curling — two of Canada's national sports — were getting started.

Biathlon was right on target among the outdoor pursuits, producing the first multi-medallists of the games, until it also became mired in trouble.

Germany's Magdalena Neuner won the women's 10-kilometer biathlon pursuit, holding off Slovakia's Anastazia Kuzmina — the pair exchanging podium places after the first two women's races. Kuzmina had beaten Neuner for gold in the 7.5K sprint on Saturday, the first day of full competition.

Bjorn Ferry won the men's 12.5-kilometer biathlon pursuit, giving Sweden its first biathlon gold medal in 50 years.

"I am 31 and I've waited for this my whole life," said Ferry, who won in 33 minutes, 38.4 seconds, 16.5 seconds faster than silver medalist Christoph Sumann of Austria.

France's Vincent Jay, who started first after winning the 10K sprint in his Olympic debut Sunday, took the bronze, 28.2 seconds back.

But just like in the women's 10-kilometer pursuit, officials in the men's race made embarrassing errors on the start line.

While three women went off late in the first race, including the fourth-place finisher, Anna Carin Olofsson-Zidek, two athletes went off too early in the men's race, including Jeremy Teela of the United States and Canada's Jean Philippe Leguellec, who was penalized 30 seconds for starting early and slipped from fifth to 11th place.

Norbert Baier, the International Biathlon Union's technical delegate, acknowledged that his federation had been warned that there were inexperienced officials handling the start gates.

"It is embarrassing," Baier said. "I can't understand why this can happen. It was so easy to start today. ... Why do we have this incompetence?"

After the start of snowboard cross was delayed by fog and rain, Ricker lifted the mood at Cypress Mountain by claiming Canada's second gold medal on home soil in three Olympics it has hosted. Alexandre Bilodeau broke the drought in the men's moguls after no Canadian had won at either the 1976 Montreal Summer Games or the 1988 Winter Olympics at Calgary.

Ricker, who went into the Olympic race leading the World Cup standings, easily beat Deborah Anthonioz of France in the final.

Lindsey Jacobellis, the American who cost herself a gold medal at Turin four years ago when she tried to show off near the end, didn't even make the final this time. □



Gold medallist Korea's Lee Sang-Hwa, left, and silver medallist Germany's Jenny Wolf, right, skate during the second of two heats of the women's 500 meter race at the Richmond Olympic Oval at the Vancouver 2010 Olympics in Vancouver, British Columbia, Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2010.

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MATCH PLAY

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"Historically, Thursday," he told her. "Optimistically, Monday."

No one has a better record in the Match Play Championship than Geoff Ogilvy, the defending champion, who has won nearly 90 percent of his matches. He has won twice, was runner-up and had the odd year when he lost in the first round.

As he stood on the putting green Monday night at his home course of Whisper Rock north of Phoenix, he asked another member if he would be around on Sunday to host three friends who wanted to play. Then came an awkward pause, for Ogilvy knows full well that he might be able to join them.

For those who watch golf for its star power, this isn't the best week even when Woods and Mickelson are around.

Steve Stricker is the No. 1 seed. His opening match is against Ross McGowan of England,

and Stricker should know better than anyone what to expect, which is anything.

Stricker was at the front end of his slump in 2001, ranked No. 90 in the world, when he got into the 64-man field because it was held in Australia right after the holidays and so many players didn't want to go. He stopped off in Florida to try to shake off the rust and snow from a Wisconsin winter and showed up as the No. 55 seed.

He then beat Padraig Harrington, Scott Verplank and Justin Leonard without ever getting to the 18th hole and ultimately beat Pierre Fulke in the championship match.

And that wasn't even the biggest stunner. Kevin Sutherland holds a couple of tournament records—lowest seed to win (No. 62) and the only player to beat a higher seed in all six of his matches. He rumbled through a lineup of Ryder Cup players (David Duval, Paul McGinley, Jim Furyk, David Toms, Brad Faxon) before beating Scott McCarron in the 2002 final. □

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ORANJESTAD - On February 15, AAA N.V. was awarded 1st price for Excellence in Airline Marketing at Routes' Americas Conference in Lima, Peru in the category Central America and Caribbean.

AAA was short listed earlier together with Panama City, Montego Bay, Curacao and Port au Prince.

The award adds on to the runner-up status for the whole of the American continent received in 2009 and is the 4th time that Aruba Airport was short listed in 5 consecutive years during the presentation of the annual marketing awards by Routes/OAG.

The awards are based on airlines' appreciation and reports on the capabilities and approach of individual airports in their efforts to maintain

and attract airline service.

"After 4 nominations and receiving 2 times runner-up status in 2007 and 2009, we felt this had to happen now.

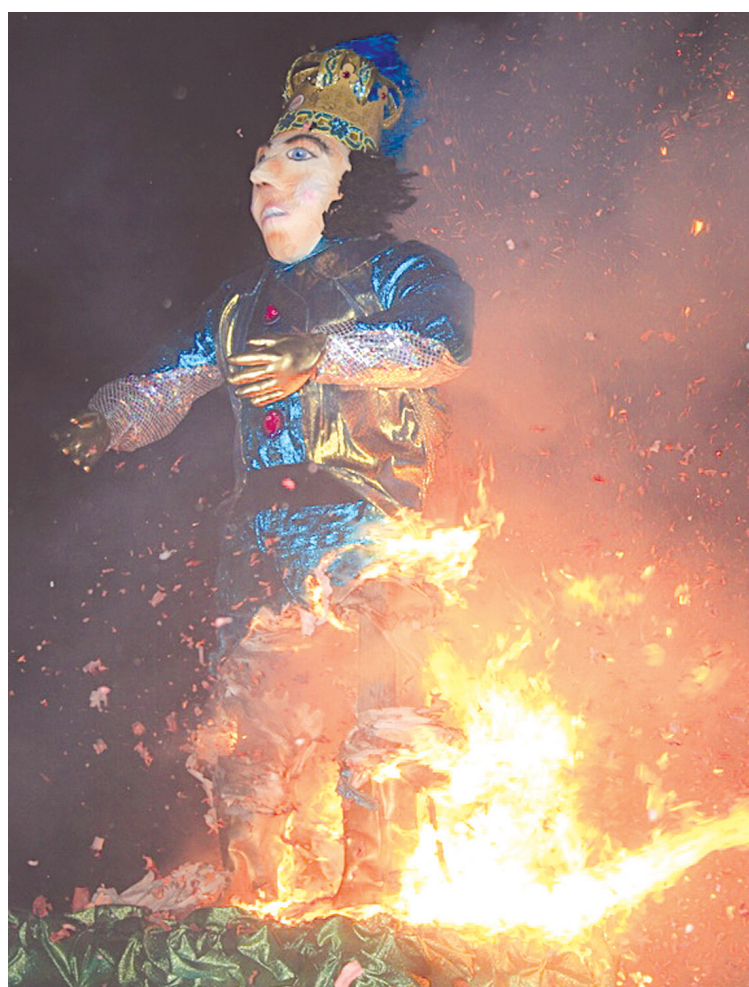
It is a fantastic success for our marketing team and it shows the airlines' appreciation for our consistent proactive approach towards our main industry partners. The nominations and awards are an important benchmark for us to monitor how we are doing compared to the competition, since all airports go full swing nowadays to charm the airline industry," said Peter Steinmetz, managing director of AAA N.V. "It is important to maintain our competitive edge."

In the picture Head of Airline Marketing Peggy Croes is proudly presenting the award



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CILO to introduce Mediterranean night



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guests to enjoy. Wines from these Mediterranean countries are poured either by the glass or the bottle and guitar music à la Gipsy Kings and John Mayer is played. A live band called Fusion is performing from 9 to 12 pm. The buffet starts at 7. The Spanish station is featuring paella, gazpacho and poached



salmon with onions and bell peppers, while the French station offers sauerkraut with a mustard wine sauce, French bread with garlic butter and a duck breast salad. Greece displays its Greek salad with feta cheese, olives, tomatoes, onions and cucumber, moussaka, a meatloaf dish, and tzaziki. Italy is showcasing its tagliatella pasta with a cream herb sauce and shrimps, sea bass, a tapenade and marinated olives.

The wines that have been selected for the Mediterranean extravaganza are a Marques de Riscal Rioja (Spain), a Calvet Chablis (France), a Boutari Santorini, dry white wine from



Greece and a Mezzacorona Rosato (Italy). The price for the full four-country buffet is US \$ 29.50 per person and a specific country plate will set you back just US \$ 12.50.

So come and sample the fabulous fare from four Mediterranean countries, each well-known for its exquisite cuisine. CILO is ready for you! □

Celebrate tonight with Live Music & Entertainment at Casa Tua Barcelona



ORANJESTAD - Casa Tua Barcelona's Flamenco Show is the spot to be tonight with Angela Croes TONIGHT and then again on Friday. On Thursday enjoy the amazing sounds Kavey Yarzagaray.

Enjoy your Paella and Sangria together with these fantastic live shows! The downtown atmosphere is cool and relaxed with its in- and outside seating.

The highlight at Casa Tua Barcelona is also the new lunch specials every weekday from Monday till Friday! A \$9.95 lunch special; Beef tenderloin



with a red wine sauce or choose the Grouper Fillet for \$11.95. Both dishes include a soft drink. Fresh Fish lovers can treat the palate to the Whole Red Snapper, served with Rice and a salad.

All days of the week we serve Cold and Hot tapas as appetizers or the delicious Iberian Ham Pata Negra which we import directly from Andalucía. As your main course you could choose our Paella, traditionally prepared on the spot by our chef! Combine this Spanish dish with our home-made sangria to complete your dinner.

Of course we saved the best for last as no one does an ending better than Casa Tua with their dreamy Tiramisu. If you're into something different we suggest tasting the Espresso Martini Cocktail as dessert, you won't be disappointed.

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Carnival 56th ended with a blast at Paseo Herencia



NOORD- On Monday evening February 15th, Paseo Herencia Shopping & Entertainment Center in front of the high rise hotels celebrated the ending of

Aruba's 56th Carnival period. Both locals and tourists enjoyed the amazing performances of the dance group Kids & Youth in Action accompanied by

Dynasty Brass Band. Special guest for the evening was Majestic Carnival Group with their winning costumes of the 56th carnival parade. The night was a great success.

During that same evening the winners for the Valentine's Day Raffle Campaign were announced, the winners are as follows:

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4. Roshen Donata
5. Paula Aneso
6. Frandrick Arends
7. Carlos Tavarez
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10. Omaira Leysner
11. Adalberto Salazar
12. Brigitte Arteaga
13. Candy Rasmijn
14. Gina F. Diaz
15. Giovanni Heldes
16. Jozef Rasmijn
17. Shalinie Rodjan
18. Yamil Cabello
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20. Hildi Dvora
21. Hildi Dvora
22. Melanie Samson
23. Cesario JR Dioso
24. Belsy Barroso

Congratulations to all the winners. Prizes will be presented to the winners at Paseo Herencia on the 18th of February, for more information the winners can contact the marketing department of Paseo Herencia at telephone # 586-6533.

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The secret to the El Gaucho

success story? There is no secret, just good management and dedicated staff members tirelessly, and consistently catering to over three generations of beef lovers.

Today, at the original location, the restaurant prepares a variety of tempting dishes, charcoal-grilled, juicy and tender steaks such as the famous Gaucho steak, the 16 oz sirloin, or the Pincho

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Ruth's Chris Steak House celebrates 2nd Anniversary in Aruba



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made pizza's that was made especially for the associates. All the staff members were very excited and celebrated Ruth's Chris 2nd anniversary in Aruba with a lot of enthusiasm.

Since Ruth's Chris Steak House opened its doors at the Aruba Marriott in 2008 it has been a great success. In 2009 the steakhouse welcomed its 100,000th visitor. The sizzling steakhouse is a 'must' for Marriott guests and locals. Ruth's Chris is known for its exceptional steaks, selected from the top 2% of the country's beef and served sizzling hot -- broiled in 1800-degree ovens and served sizzling on 500 degree plates. Ruth's Chris is located on the ground level of the Aruba Marriott. □

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project.

We can know something logically and not believe it emotionally. When we feel something emotionally, we feel it in our cells. The energy of emotion makes each of the cells within our body vibrate. The vibration stores emotional information in the DNA within each of our cells. When we feel something emotionally, we store that feeling within our bodies.

Our emotion comes from our cells.

Throughout our daily lives we

are bombarded by stimuli that generate emotional responses from our cells. Our cells generate emotion based on what is stored within them from our past experiences and reactions. When we live life in reaction, we are always defensive to what it brings.

In a pro-active world where people control their own lives, we have the ability and power to turn things around. By consciously directing our own thoughts and emotions, we can give our cells exactly the energy we want in return.

When we take a pro-active stance in our lives, we immerse our cells into the emotions we want in the future, especially when your present life is dictating the opposite. It's easy to proclaim success after you receive it, but not everyone can embrace success in the face of failure.

When we take charge of our lives, we embrace the feeling of having already achieved success. We imagine ourselves in our successful situation, and imagine the thoughts and emotions of that life. If living on a beach is your desire, imagine waking up in the morning, the smell of fresh, salty, warm breezes as you absorb every nuance of every sensation your body can

detect, and beyond.

These thoughts and emotions immerse our cells in a specific vibration that creates a specific frequency within the DNA. The DNA stores the information of those emotions and thoughts, and feeds it back to us, in the form of life as we know it.

The more you tell your cells what to feel, the more they will become comfortable with that specific information, and the easier it will become for you to feel that way.

This is especially powerful when your present life deals with you unexpected blows. In the face of bad energy, immerse yourself in your own self-generated good energy by imagining being in your future exactly the way you want it. Starve bad frequencies and feed the good feelings.

When we imagine our future, we collapse time and connect with one of the infinite possibilities of ourselves. When we connect to our future through thought, emotion, sensation, we feed energy to that specific future and remove energy from less desirable potential futures. The more we connect with a specific future, the more comfortable and stronger the connection becomes. The

more you follow a path, the more obvious and familiar it becomes. Our focus literally increases the probability of a favorable or even specific potential outcome to our lives.

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~Quentin Danziger

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On the eve of the restaurant's 10th anniversary

Celebrating perfection at the Amazonia Churrascaria

Palm Beach – The crew at Amazonia Churrascaria is gearing up for the restaurant's 10th anniversary. Almost one decade ago, the authentic Brazilian concept of Rodigio Steakhouse offering continuous dining caught literal fire as a troop of waiters armed with mega skewers started roaming the colorful and friendly new indoor & outdoor dining room of Amazonia Churrascaria, introducing the fresh and novel style of dining to enthusiastic locals and visitors.

It was an instant success and Amazonia Churrascaria became a household name, a favorite place for family gatherings, celebrations or just great food. The restaurant gauchos continuously offer choice cuts of grilled beef, chicken, lamb, pork & sausage, seasoned to perfection and slow roasted over open flame.

The meat selections are accompanied by an extravagant forty-item, frequently changing seasonal salad bar where you can keep sampling until your beg for mercy, all for an inclusive price, excluding dessert and beverages.

On the dessert list the restaurant boasts homemade Crème Brule, Flan, Brazilian Cheese Cake, Chocolate Mousse Cake,

Apple Pie, and Papaya Cream. The restaurant features an extensive award winning Wine Spectator wine list, a well stocked bar and a terrific selection of Cuban cigars.

Managed by Hubert Solagnier with over thirty years of international Food & Beverage experience, the restaurant is the 'baby' of local entrepreneurs and investors Rene Kan and Milton Berlinski.

With over 40 frequently-changing salads on the salad bar, 14 types of grilled meats

and a team of waiters who are entertainers as well as carvers and an international staff, Hubert is proud of his fantastic crew, and the tastiest food in town, as well as potent Caipirinhas served in one of the most beautifully decorated dining rooms on the island.



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Meet Chef Ludwich Samson and his exquisite menu now unveiled!



Nestled in the quiet neighborhood of Boegoeroei, Perle d'Or apartment complex houses Dutch students and vacationers, as well as a cozy garden eatery, Pam Pam Restaurant & Bar. Aiming to attract a more diverse clientele, Pam Pam has recently adopted a more upscale dining concept. In order to pilot this new concept, rising local chef Ludwich Samson was brought on board, and in just two months on the job, he has

more than proven his worth.

Laid-back, refreshingly young, and ambitious, Ludwich began his career as a chef by enrolling in Aruba's hospitality and culinary arts school—the best decision he has ever made, he wholeheartedly claims. With ten years in the kitchen and three years as a chef, Ludwich has developed an impressive arsenal of cooking skills. He attributes the majority of his growth as a chef to his years

of working under his mentor, Vittorio Muscarllo, owner of Hostaria Da'Vittorio and one of the most highly respected chefs on Aruba.

In his two months with Pam Pam, Ludwich has entirely remodeled the kitchen to make it more efficient. He has also created a whole new menu featuring particularly unique dishes in order to distinguish Pam Pam from the endless number of restaurants along Aruba's hotel strip. While the menu still offers Dutch snacks and typical Dutch platters like sate to appease the many Dutch interns residing at Perle d'Or, the rest of the menu offers upscale fusion cuisine. Lemon grass and chillies give several seafood dishes a Thai flair; homemade ravioli and beef carpaccio salute Italy; crustacean ceviche adds a Peruvian element; and Indonesian spices add zest to a handful of casual main dishes.

Ludwich also craftily adds little unexpected twists to some classic dishes, elevating the uniqueness of his menu. One of his personal favorites is his porcini-crusted filet mignon served with a thyme red-wine reduction. He also delights in the fact that most diners have a hard time figuring out the sweet and spicy deliciousness of his signature crustacean platter. Other interesting interpretations include lump-crab lollipops, chicken cordon blue unorthodoxly stuffed with ricotta and bacon, and for dessert, tiramisu that promises an untraditional layer of decadent Bailey's chocolate mousse.

Needless to say, Ludwich is creative in the kitchen and works extremely hard, currently putting in 12 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week; but he insists that this is not what makes a good chef good. “I simply love what



I do for a living,” confides Ludwich, and this is what guarantees success in the kitchen and contented diners. Of course, being a chef can be downright stressful, but Ludwich thrives on the rush of adrenaline on busy nights. And when he peers out of the kitchen and sees a restaurant full of people enjoying their meals, he experiences immense satisfaction. For reservations call: 5877710 or 7483848, or visit us at www.pampamaruba.com. □

Carnival comes to a close on Aruba!



around. But just when you think it is all over, there's the Farewell Parade and the burning of Momo, indicating the end of Carnival and the beginning of Lent. Symbolically, Momo's ashes are used on Ash Wednesday. Enjoy the Aruba Today photos. □



Valentine's Day means romance and Aruba for Tom and Sherry Davis



By Rosalie Klein
Aruba Today
 PALM BEACH - Tom and Sherry Davis first discovered Aruba when Tom took a trip "with the guys" in 2001. "We spent most of our time doing guy-stuff," recalls Tom, "hitting to the casinos and going deep sea fishing where the water was so rough we all ended up sick. When I came back home I told Sherry I thought she would hate it here."
 Determined to find out for

herself, Sherry arranged a trip for the two of them in 2004, staying at the Radisson Resort, Casino & Spa, and contrary to Tom's opinion, absolutely fell in love with the island. It has been their winter vacation destination every year since, and where they celebrate Valentine's Day together. This year, Sherry decided to surprise Tom on Valentine's Day with a 30th wedding anniversary renewal of vows, and with the assistance of Lisa of the concierge staff were

connected to Diane Keijzer, a well-known wedding photographer who is also a confirmed minister, to perform the ceremony. Once the couple was seated for the Valentine's Day dinner at the Sunset Grill in the Radisson Resort, Diane swept in to inform Tom he was being taken to the beach for a renewal of vows, and Tom, who obviously adores Sherry, got into the spirit of the moment with ease.

The couple renewed their love and commitment as the sun set over Aruba's azure waters, and Sherry was hard pressed to hold back tears when she spoke of the many happy moments she had shared with Tom over the years. Rushing to the rescue with a tissue for the teary-eyed Sherry was Bob Schmitt, who with his wife Florence were bystanders enjoying the demonstration of lasting love, seated at a Radisson's dinner on the awaiting their Valentine's Day celebration. They accepted being recruited as witnesses for the wedding certificate with relish, and joined Tom and Sherry in a symbolic ceremony of tossing a shell into the Caribbean Sea, believed to guarantee wedded bliss throughout their lives. Tom and Sherry, who hail from Bridgeport, Pennsylvania, report the informal but touching

ceremony and stunning sunset was all they could have wished for and more. Followed by a memorable dinner at the Sunset Grill, Aruba has again provided them with a Valentine's Day that reinforces their marriage and emotional bond. □
Photos By Rosalie Klein



Burning Your Momo

by Carlos Viana

Throughout the festivities of Carnival, the party seems as if it will go on forever. Our community just burned this year's carnival Momo. Traditionally the Momo is black because in pagan religions Momo or that year's "king" absorbs all the sins of the community and dies taking their sins with him. The community expunged from all wrongs is then able to begin anew with a fresh beginning, symbolized by spring. With the burning of Momo, we are reminded that life is ever changing and that all things eventually must end.

The most profound change for each of us is our own end, or the reality of human mortality. The United States currently has the greatest number of centenarians (People living to 100 or more) in the world. There are different theories as to why certain cultures have longer life expectancies than others, but one would expect that since the United States spends more on health care than other nations, the life expectancy would reflect that spending. However, the United States ranks only 24th on the list of disability-adjusted life expectancy while Japan ranks first. This means that there are more centenarians living in Japan based on population and they are living healthier with less medical intervention.

Many experts attribute Japan's high life expectancy

to their diet, which is low in fats. There must be something to island life because here in the Caribbean, the Island of Barbados has the third-highest occurrence of centenarians in the world. There are obviously other factors involved in living to be 100 years old or more. Studies show that one significant influence contributing to rapid aging is high insulin levels. Look at the insulin/diabetes problems spreading worldwide and how it is affecting the way we age.

Ironically, even though most people express an interest in living to their maximum potential, many refuse to use the available methods that are sure to slow down aging. One thing is for sure, that the effects of bad lifestyle are cumulative. This means, the more you do something unhealthy, the more it hurts you. So, during this time of "rebirth" how about starting a longevity program?

If you want to increase your chances of living a longer, healthier life, one of the first things you should do is quit smoking, including breathing second hand smoke. Acupuncture offers natural treatments for smoking and other addictions. Next, get on a healthy eating plan. Our clinic's holistic health program starts with the elimination, or at least a large reduction, of most grains and sugars from your diet. Consuming simple or processed sugar and grains,

especially wheat products like bread and pasta, will increase your insulin levels. That is the equivalent of slamming your foot on the aging accelerator. Eating right for your metabolic type, which incidentally, is your blood type, will also help to optimize your anti-aging program.

Like the Japanese, medical researchers have known for years that eating fish was associated with reduced risk of cardiovascular disease. Eating oily fish like salmon, tuna or bluefish at least twice a week is healthy because fatty acids in the fish block dangerous irregular heart rhythms. Fish oil is another factor in helping people live longer, and many experts believe that it is likely the predominant reason why the Japanese are the longest lived race on the planet. For those of us, who don't eat enough fresh fish, supplements are a way to insure we get enough of the healthy fats or Omega 3's found in fish. However, when choosing a fish oil, it is important to use a high quality brand that ensures that its oils are free of mercury and other toxins. If you are just beginning on a diet and supplement program, it is a good idea to begin with a quality EFA (Essential Fatty Acid) or Omega Oil product containing all 3 Omega oils, Omega 3, 6 and 9 in the right ratio. Flaxseed Oil is a good choice for vegetarians.

Young people feel like they will live forever, and

therefore eat poorly and engage in risky behavior leading to illness and sometimes early mortality. Even kids, teens and young adults can benefit from a healthy lifestyle plan. Learning good habits early leads to a better quality of life later.

After age 35, cardiovascular disease and cancer are the leading causes of death. Studies presented at a meeting of the American Association for Cancer Research showed that supplements - ranging from ordinary multivitamins to specially formulated, natural products can have a positive impact combating disease.

Other foods that have been shown to slow down aging are most fruits and vegetables and a component in red wine, known as resveratrol. These are rich in antioxidants that have anti-aging effects. Sardines have RNA that helps you rebuild your body.

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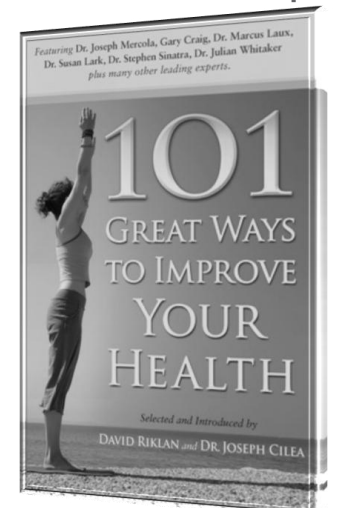
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El verano carioca ha registrado temperaturas récord de hasta 44 grados, las que sumadas a la sofocante humedad de la ciudad junto al mar acrecientan las posibilidades de sufrir alguna descomposición. El martes hacía 41 grados.



Un miembro de la scola do samba Grande Rio desfila por el Sambódromo en Rio de Janeiro, martes 16 de febrero de 2010. (AP Foto/Silvia Izquierdo)

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Paramilitares han confesado más de 30.000 homicidios

BOGOTA (AP) - Un alto funcionario de la Fiscalía General aseguró el martes que hasta ahora los grupos paramilitares desmovilizados han confesado la comisión de 30.470 homicidios y calculó que esa cifra podría elevarse a 120.000.

“Yo creo que estamos llegando al primer cuarto” o la confesión de los primeros 30.000 muertos, de su cálculo de al menos 120.000 homicidios cometidos por esas bandas desde 1994 y hasta el inicio de la desmovilización de tales grupos en 2003, explicó en diálogo telefónico Luis González León. González León es jefe de la Unidad Nacional de Justicia y Paz, la dependencia de la Fiscalía que conoce todas las confesiones de los paramilitares desmovilizados.

La cifra de 30.470 homicidios confesados supera en unos 4.000 muertos a los homicidios confesados por desmovilizados ante la Unidad de Justicia y Paz hasta septiembre pasado, según dijo González en ese momento.

Su cálculo de 120.000 víctimas se basa en la cifra de paramilitares desmovilizados que hasta ahora han confesado crímenes: casi 1.900. Explicó que como faltan por confesar unos 2.600 desmovilizados, por una simple regla de tres se podrían llegar a los 45.000 homicidios, pero como ya ha habido casos en que un solo desmovilizado asume su responsabilidad por

más de un millar de víctimas, entonces, los homicidios podrían cuadruplicarse para períodos más amplios y no sólo a inicios de los 90.

Ya el mismo González, además de activistas de derechos humanos y parientes de víctimas han ubicado la cifra de muertos y desaparecidos a manos de los paramilitares en varios miles, pero desde inicios de la década de los 80.

El funcionario añadió en la jornada que el más reciente informe de sus fiscales, el 15 de enero, aparte de los 30.470 homicidios, también da cuenta de 1.085 masacres confesadas, 2.520 casos de desaparición forzada y 1.033 secuestros.

La semana pasada el gobierno argentino impidió que un buque de bandera extranjera, que habría sido utilizado para transportar insumos vinculados a actividades petroleras en Malvinas, embarcara una partida de tubos de acero sin costura en un puerto de Buenos Aires. Según informó la cancillería argentina, durante enero el barco habría operado en Puerto Argentino --la capital de las islas, que los británicos llaman Port Stanley-- y que “existen evidencias que indican que dicho buque habría sido utilizado para el abastecimiento de insumos vinculados a las actividades de la industria petrolera promovidas ilegítimamente por el Reino Unido en las Islas Malvinas”. □

de tomar los medicamentos que necesitan”, dijo Correa. “¡Gente, beban agua!” Las tórridas temperaturas afectaron a muchos participantes de los desfiles del lunes por la noche, que vestían disfraces pesados. Geisy Arruda, una estudiante de 20 años que se hizo famosa en octubre cuando la expulsaron de la universidad por vestir una minifalda, sucumbió al calor hacia el final de su actuación de 80 minutos sobre una carroza. Se la vio tironear de su disfraz de Carnaval _ una versión con lentejuelas de la prensa que le valió su expulsión _ y tuvo que acostarse y pedir agua. Descansó y se recuperó.

Otras reinas del Carnaval, algunas con enormes tocados y alas de plumas sujetas a la espalda, se desplomaban en lo alto de las carrozas y pedían a la gente nueve metros más abajo que les lanzaran botellas de agua.

Pero el calor no detuvo a la mayoría de los bailarines de samba, cuyos movimientos y estado atlético no les van en zaga a los de los famosos futbolistas de este país. La bailarina y modelo de Playboy Valeska Santos caminó el equivalente a 12 kilómetros durante sus 80 minutos de desfile, según el diario O Globo, mientras bailaba frenéticamente el samba. □

El doctor Luis Fernando Correa habló por la red de televisión Globo para advertir a los festejantes que “beban mucho... pero nada de alcohol”.

Quitarle el alcohol a lo que los brasileños llaman la fiesta más grande del mundo sin duda es difícil. Las autoridades de salud dicen que más de 1.400 personas recurrieron a los servicios desde el sábado, en su mayoría por trastornos ocasionados por el calor.

“Durante el Carnaval, la gente sale a la calle, se divierte, se olvida de hidratarse e incluso

Argentina limita paso de buques con destino a Malvinas

BUENOS AIRES (AP) - La presidenta Cristina Fernández firmó el martes un decreto que restringe la circulación de buques entre el territorio continental argentino y las Islas Malvinas, en respuesta al inminente inicio de actividades de exploración petrolera en el archipiélago por parte de Gran Bretaña.

“Todo buque o artefacto naval que se proponga transitar entre puertos ubicados en el territorio continental argentino y puertos ubicados en las Islas Malvinas, Georgias del Sur y Sandwich del Sur, o atravesar aguas jurisdiccionales argentinas en dirección a estos últimos, y/o cargar mercaderías a ser transportadas en forma directa o indirecta entre esos puertos, deberán solicitar una autorización previa expedida por la autoridad nacional competente”, dice el decreto presidencial al que tuvo acceso AP. □

Bolivia despide el carnaval con ofrenda a la Pachamama

LA PAZ (AP) - Una ofrenda a la Pachamama (Madre Tierra) por buenos augurios para los negocios, la familia y la salud marcó el martes el cierre de cuatro días de festejos del carnaval en Bolivia que dejaron en el olvido los problemas del país.

Las celebraciones se iniciaron el sábado con festividades folclóricas y jolgorios callejeros, mientras que el martes fue un festejó en familia y más íntimo.

Conocido como el “martes de Challa” la celebración comienza en la madrugada con explosión de petardos en las casas, oraciones a Dios y rogativas a las deidades por la familia y termina con una abundante comida y más festejos.

La fiesta penetró todas las capas sociales y es la más respetada del calendario de carnaval. Entre los indígenas y mestizos tiene lugar un ritual a los dioses andinos con una hoguera donde se quema fetos de llama y ofrendas de colores que representan a la salud, los negocios, la familia, los estudios y todos un repertorio de buenos deseos para el resto del año.

Hasta el presidente Evo Morales, quien no suele descansar ni en los días festivos, se dio una tregua el martes, último día feriado en Bolivia, para reposar, según informó la casa de Gobierno. El sábado bailó con bailarinas frente al palacio de gobierno.

La celebración más conocida internacionalmente es la entrada folclórica de Oruro, ciudad minera andina a 190 kilómetros al sur de La Paz, conocida como la capital del folklore. □



Bailarinas participan en las celebraciones del carnaval en Bolivia, en la ciudad de Oruro, el sábado 13 de febrero de 2010. (AP Photo/Juan Karita)

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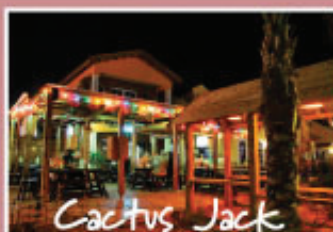


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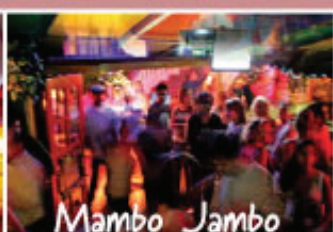
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